GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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CLEARANCE TO PROPOSAL FOR LAYING OF A PIPELINE
RAMANAND SINGH

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a proposal for the Environment and Forestry clearance for laying of a pipeline for a crude oil refinery in Madhya Pradesh by the Bharat-Oman Refinery Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have already accorded approval for laying the pipeline in Gujarat area; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not according the said approval for laying the pipeline in Madhya Pradesh area?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) Yes Sir,

(b) The proposal for forest clearance for diversion of 15.117 ha forestland for laying underground pipe line within Madhya Pradesh from Jhabua district to Bina was received on 6.10.97 and the proposal for environmental clearance for this project was received on 8.8.95.

(C) & (d) Environmental clearance has been accorded for the project covering the segment in Gujarat as well as Madhya Pradesh area. Forestry clearance for the segment in MP has been linked with the clearance of the project in originating state i.e. Gujarat. Proposal for forestry clearance for the Madhya Pradesh segment was not processed as the final approval for setting of jetty and other off shore facilities in Gujarat was not given. Since this proposal has been approved now the proposal for MP segment is being processed.